Invention Work\_Argument Essay

WRT 105

**For this classwork assignment:**

I want you to answer these questions to the best of your ability. You can do this work in a group *or* individually, if you like. Invention work is about taking risks in order to push yourself to learn something new. You will want to use the internet to search for sources and/or learn more about your topic. Keep your discussion local, might be open to looking at the national and the global as well. Be open to being in a creative space when you do this work which means it might be messy and might need modifications later. See this as a starting point for your work in this unit.

**1) What is your area of interest as a inquiry/focus for the essay?**

**The issue of accessibility on campus.**

**2) What is your personal (empathetic) connection to this area? Why are you personally interested in this?**

My year as an engineering major makes me interested in the ways things can be altered and engineered to solve problems efficiently.

**3) What is the connection to campus culture & community?**

A campus that is readily accessible to those who are disabled is necessary to promote a campus that is accepting and understanding of disability.

**4) What is controversial about this topic? In order to make a good argument, you need to frame your topic so that you are focusing on areas that are not given "truths."**

Whether it is worth trying to make Syracuse accessible (financially or practically), whether Syracuse should be chosen as a campus for a person who is disabled to begin with.

**5) What inquiry-based questions can you ask that guide you--questions that are not "yes" or "no" or "pro" or "con" questions, rather you can formulate questions that are inherently complex and that you do not already know the answer to.**

What efforts have been made so far to make Syracuse accessible? What problems have yet to be addressed? Why haven’t they been addressed yet?

**6) What binary/binaries can you see operating in this issue? How do the binaries work?**

Accessible/inaccessible, practical/impractical, necessary/unnecessary

**7) Find and name two to three potential sources (*authors, articles, chapters from books, university policies, university documents, civil rights legislation, interview subjects, artifacts, images* etc) for this issue.**

Disabilities services at Syracuse (policies, interview), Students themselves, articles that were provided.

**8) Find and name two to three potential sources for this issue that have varying (possibly conflicting) perspectives from the two to three you named above.**

Students, those in charge of budgeting,

**9) So what? Why does this issue matter? Give at least three reasons.**

-Right to have access to all parts of campus. This may interfere with learning.

-Having a diverse campus in necessary

-Familiarity is the best way to understand something, to eliminate prejudices.